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I am in favor of any decision which keeps government out of the affairs of private business. Whether or not Microsoft is a "monopoly" or whether or not it is "unfair" that they have been as successful as they are is irrelevant as far as government goes. Private businesses have a right to operate any way they choose as long as they are not physically hurting people or are deliberately defrauding people. Microsoft has done neither. Instead, what they have done is make a great series of products that has become the worldwide standard. In no way have they "harmed" the industry. Instead, they have singlehandedly brought the computer industry from a tiny niche in the early 80's, to one of the primary economic engines driving the US today. There certainly is no monopoly. A monopoly would imply that it is impossible for a competitor to make an entry into the market. This is clearly not the case. There have been many competitors that have successfully entered the marketplace using Linux and FreeBSD in just the past years. Microsoft has harmed no one and defrauded no one. Therefore, the US government should stay out of it's and it's competitors private business affairs.

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